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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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USPC: 438/178/DNA, 536/25.4/DNA, 435/6/nucleic acid, 435/270/nucleic acid

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

USPTO (Published Patents), Thomson Dialog (Global Patents, China, Japan, Europe, France, US, WIPO/PCT), www.Answers.com, www.Google.com

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Thomson Dialog (Global Patents, China, Japan, Europe, France, US, WIPO/PCT): Search terms: DNA, stabilizer, collect, sample, method, device, absorbent, preserve, support, nucleic acid, device, handle, loop, sample, void, absorbent, stabilizer, albumin, gelatin, polyvinyl alcohol, starch, sucrose, plurality, dry

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 2003/0045814 A1 (SANGHA) 6 March 2003 (06.03.2006) para [0007], [0013], [0034], [0037], [0040], [0046], [0052], [0054], [0059], [0060], Fig. 1, Fig. 2, claims 1 and 12	1-48
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